

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A non-gelling gelatin substitution product, characterized in that wherein it contains essentially a vegetable fat of at least 99 weight % cocoa butter, deodorized to an extent of 90-95%, and is in the form of a powder.

2. – 3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The substitution product according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises an antioxidant in addition additives such as antioxidants, lecithins and/or other emulsifiers.

5. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A method for incorporating a substitution product according to claim 1 into a culinary preparation, characterized in that said product is incorporated directly into the preparation when the latter is heated to a temperature greater than 60° C.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A method of incorporating a substitution product according to claim 1 into a culinary preparation, characterized in that the culinary preparation has a moisture content of 40 to 50% humidity of less than 70%.

11. – 12. (Canceled).

13. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the resulting culinary preparation comprising the substitution product is subsequently cooled to room temperature.